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INFORMATION NOTICE

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TO: ALL CALIFORNIA APPROVED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY AND THERAPY SCHOOLS

SUBJECT: VENIPUNCTURE CLARIFICATION

The purpose of this notice is to provide further clarification to California approved radiologic technology and therapy (RT) schools regarding California Health & Safety Code (HSC) section 106985(b), which states that a radiologic technologist may perform venipuncture “only if the radiologic technologist has received sufficient training and education, as specified in subdivision (d). The radiologic technologist shall be issued a certificate by an approved school of radiologic technology or instructor indicating satisfactory completion of the training required.”

Following receipt of the Venipuncture Information Notice dated December 22, 2010, a number of schools have posed various questions that relate to the venipuncture certificate requirements. Be advised that all RT schools will need to provide the California Department of Public Health-Radiologic Health Branch (CDPH-RHB) with their venipuncture curriculum to document that the statutory training and education requirements as mandated by HSC 106985(e) are being met. Also be advised that all RT schools must submit a sample copy of the completion certificate that is issued to their students upon completion of the curriculum. Schools that are currently in compliance with the statutory requirements should submit their documentation by June 1, 2011, for CDPH-RHB review. Students should be informed that it is the responsibility of the student to maintain their venipuncture certificate and to provide a copy to future employers as requested.

Be advised that any RT schools that are not currently meeting the education and training requirements for venipuncture, as set forth by HSC section 106985(d)(1) and (d)(2), must incorporate the instruction into their curriculum no later than January 1, 2013.

IMPORTANT ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION

All registrants must ensure that radiologic technologist employees who perform venipuncture in the course of their duties have adequate documentation of training and experience, as specified by HSC section 106985. This documentation will be reviewed and evaluated during CDPH-RHB Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement inspections and investigations. There are no provisions for delayed enforcement of this requirement prior to January 1, 2013.

For specific information regarding enforcement, contact Jerry Hensley, CHP, Chief, Inspection, Compliance, and Enforcement Section at Jerry.Hensley@cdph.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,

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